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Drawing Amendment

Please replace the sheet of drawings bearing figure 1 with the replacement sheet enclosed herewith, wherein the letter "V" has been changed to the letter "L" in box 106 thereof.

Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of an allowable subject matter. However, it is to be noted that when the Examiner examined this application, the Examiner apparently did not take note of the Preliminary Amendment which was filed contemporaneously with this application. The Preliminary Amendment addressed many of the issues which the Examiner raised in the official action regarding improper multiply dependent claims and omnibus style claims. As such, it is believed that the issues raised by the Examiner in paragraphs 3 and 6 of the official action have already been attended to by reason of the Preliminary Amendment previously lodged in this application.

With respect to the Examiner's rejection of claims 15 and 16, they are cancelled without prejudice, thereby attending to the prior art rejection made by the Examiner.

The Examiner raised a clarity issue with respect to claim 2, and that has been addressed by amending claim 2 in the manner suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner's helpful comments are appreciated.

The Examiner will also note that claim 6 has been amended to change the alpha character to a sigma character so that the terms correspond appropriately with claim 1.

Turning now to the objections which the Examiner had to the specification, it is noted that in a few places, the Examiner objected to British English spellings, such as "realised," which the Examiner said should be "realized" instead. With due respect, it is noted that the MPEP advises Examiners that they should not object to the specification and/or claims in patent applications merely because

the applicants use British English spellings as opposed to American English spellings. Please see MPEP Section 608.01. As such, it is believed that the Examiner's objections to the British English spellings found in the specification should be withdrawn.

With respect to the other minor corrections requested by the Examiner to the specification, the Examiner will note that they have been carried out by the amendments made above.

Finally, turning to the drawing amendment, as noted above, a replacement sheet of drawings for Figure 1 is enclosed in which the letter "V" has been changed to the letter "Λ" (by inverting it).

With the entry of these amendments and in view of the foregoing observations, it is submitted that this application should now be in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration is respectfully submitted.

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necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

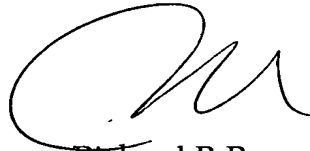
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